

Virginia Dental Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program

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Dental Scholarship Program

- ◆ Dental Scholarship Program (DSP) was established in 1952
- ◆ Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry Students
- ◆ \$25,000 GF Appropriation until 2005
- ◆ Current amount = 1 year in-state tuition (\$15,201)

Dental Scholarship Program

- ◆ Requires a practice obligation of 1 Year of service in a designated “Area of Need” per year of Scholarship
- ◆ Requires Medicaid provider status in practice

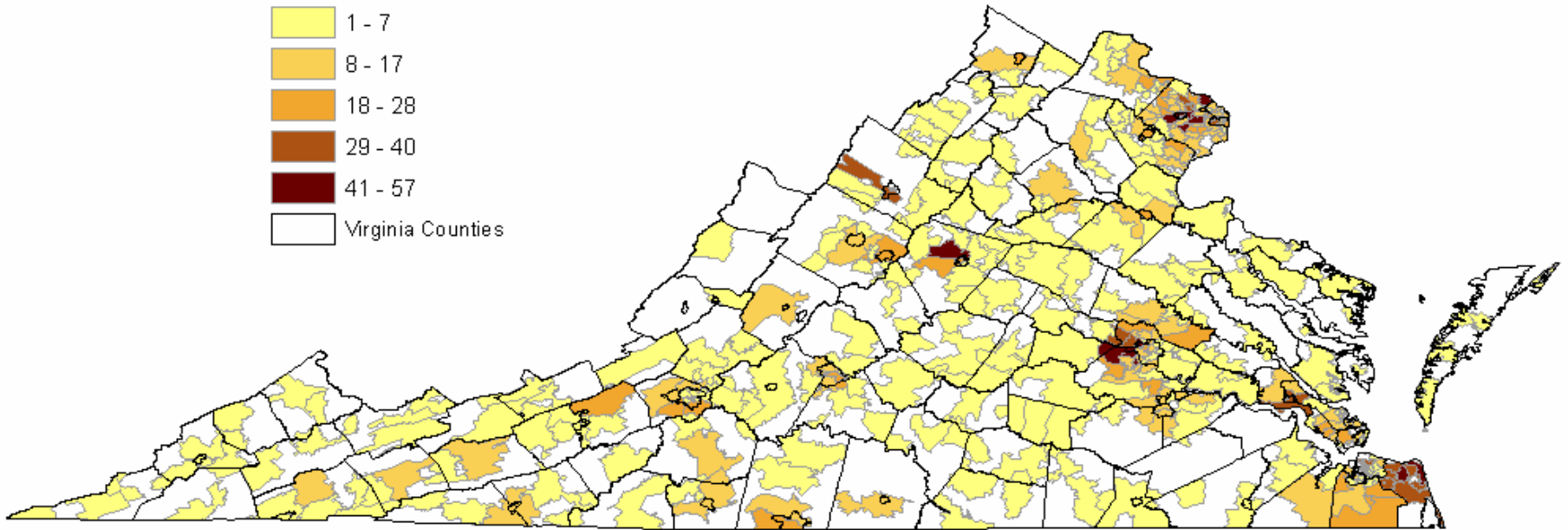
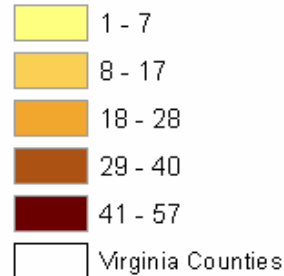
Dental Scholarship Program

- ◆ “Area of Need” is a city/county with fewer than 1 dentist to 2,083 citizens
- ◆ Includes any dental HPSA Designations
- ◆ Calculated Every 5 Years
- ◆ Based on the “Areas of Need”
 - 764 Additional Dentists Needed (2001)

DENTISTS IN VIRGINIA

Zip Code Boundary

Number of All Dentists = 3,485



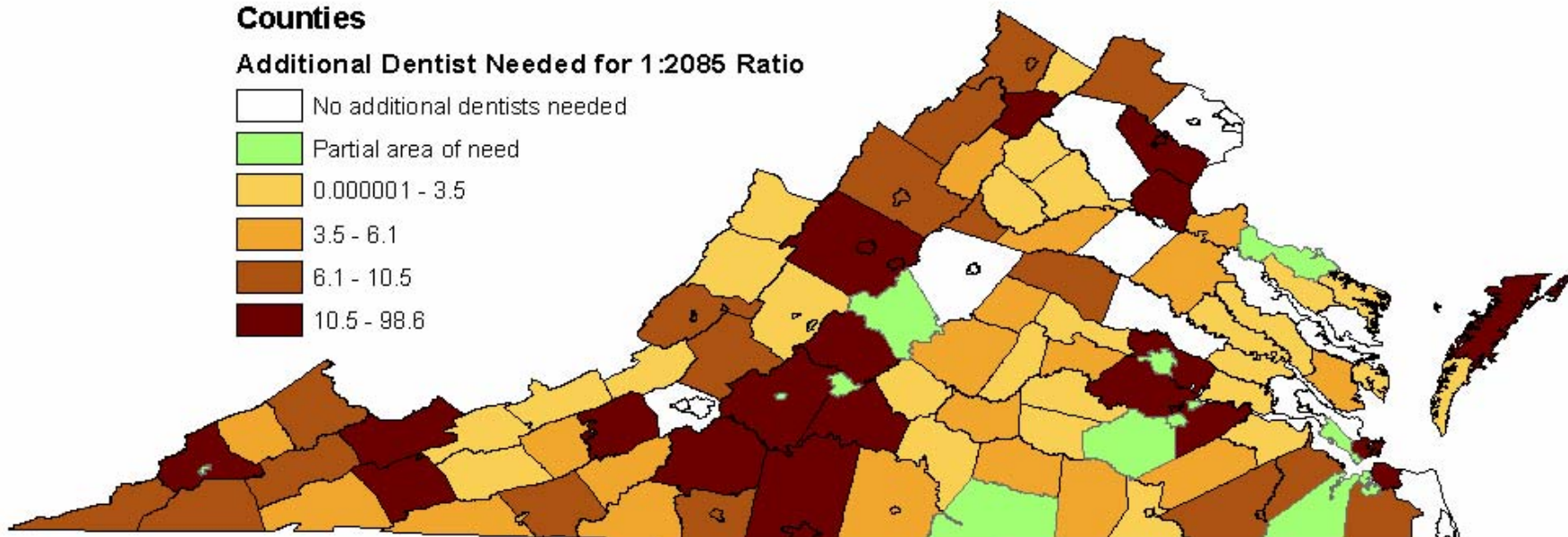
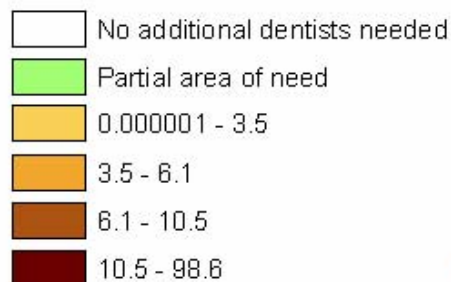
2001 Manpower Analysis:

Based on primary practice location, type of practice, age of practitioner and license status.

DENTAL AREAS IN NEED -- VIRGINIA

Counties

Additional Dentist Needed for 1:2085 Ratio



0 20 40 80 120 160 Miles

Dental Scholarship Program

◆ From 1986 to 2004:

- 63 Students received 127 Scholarships
- 21 Students elected “Pay Back”
- “Pay Back” penalty is 3 X amount

Dentist Loan Repayment Program

- ◆ In 2000 the Dentist Loan Repayment Program (DLRP) was added to the Dental Scholarship Program
- ◆ Funded in FY 2006 with a combined Appropriation of \$325,000

Dentist Loan Repayment Program

- ◆ Unlike the DSP, DLRP will recruit Dentists Nationally to “Areas of Need.”
- ◆ All requirements are identical to the DSP

Dentist Loan Repayment Program

- ◆ Future of DLRP:
 - Work with OHP utilizing the Primary Practice Opportunities as one means of recruitment
 - Assist candidates with questions regarding license reciprocity